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SUBJ: PRESS CONFERENCE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER VITOR CRESPO

IN PRESS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 13, AS CARRIED IN A TRIBUNA,
HIGH COMMISSIONER VITOR CRESPO SAID FOLLOWING:

(A) THE AGITATORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT "SUBVERSION"
AND DISTURBANCES IN LOURENCO MARQUES WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED.
THE 20 OR SO AGITATORS MUST BE DISTINGUISHED FROM THE ESTIMATED
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10,000 WHO SUPPORTED THEM EMOTIONALLY AND WHO ARE THEMSELVES

A MINORITY OF THE 70,000 WHITES RESIDENT IN LOURENCO MARQUES.

(B) JOAQUIM CHISSANO, FRELIMO SECURITY LEADER, WAS IN LOURENCO MARQUES DURING RECENT DISTURBANCES.

(C) TRANSITIONAL MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED "WITHIN THE WEEK" AND SOME FRELIMO LEADERS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15).

(D) FROM LIVING FIVE YEARS IN MOZAMBIQUE, HE IS CONFIDENT THERE WILL BE NO RACIAL CONFLICTS IN MOZAMBIQUE.

(E) HE DENIED AS CATEGORICALLY FALSE RUMOR THAT GENERAL SPINOLA SUPPORTED MOVEMENT FOR FREE MOZAMBIQUE.

(F) LUSAKA AGREEMENT DOES NOT FORESEE ELECTIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE.

(G) SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ISSUED COMMUNIQUE DENYING ANY KIND OF SUPPORT FOR "SUBVERSION" IN MOZAMBIQUE AND CRESPO PERSONALLY BELIEVES THESE COMMUNIQUE.

(H) COOPERATION BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND FRELIMO FORCES WILL FOLLOW GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED IN LUSAKA (RADIO CLUBE DE MOCAMBIQUE LATER ANNOUNCED FRELIMO TROOPS WOULD PATROL AFRICAN SUBURBS, PORTUGUESE TROOPS INNER CITY, AND MIXED FRELIMO/ PORTUGUESE PATROLS IN IN-BETWEEN AREAS.) FRELIMO AND PORTUGUESE TROOPS WILL BE LODGED IN SEPARATE BARRACKS.

(I) HIS CONTACTS WITH FRELIMO IMPRESSED HIM WITH THEIR POLITICAL REALISM.

(J) IN EVENT OF GREAT SOCIAL AGITATION IN MOZAMBIQUE, HE WILL ASSUME COMMAND OF BOTH PORTUGUESE AND FRELIMO FORCES. WALKER

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